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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bohm et al.

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For: SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD AND APPARATUS	Attorney Docket No.: 10806-011

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Amendment

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the claims (with deleted matter indicated by brackets, and added matter indicated by underlining) showing the amendments is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the preliminary amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Please amend claims 4-6, 8, 10-12, and 17-19 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein data to be outputted as part of frames defined by said output frame synchronization signal is stored in a memory prior to transmission thereof, the data fill level of said memory reflecting the phase relationship between the output frame synchronization signal and the input frame synchronization signal that is associated therewith, and wherein the phase relationship between the output frame